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Dear Paul

**Dover Hospital**

Thank you for your letter dated 4 June 2010, in which you request an update on the Trust's progress with the Dover Hospital project for the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Outline Business Case for the Dover Project was presented to Trust Board earlier this year, in January, and following lengthy discussion The Board asked that a number of further options be considered around possible phasing of the Dover development (i.e. to build the new hospital over three separately timed phases) and to explore whether it may be possible to provide part of the estates solution in modular buildings.

A full analysis of these various options was written into the Outline Business Case, which was then re-submitted and approved by the Trust Board in April.

The further option work confirmed the Board's previous decision to build the new hospital on the Buckland site and asked the Executive Director leading the project to continue to work with the PCT and the PbC around service models and provision.

The Trust has fully committed its capital programme for the current financial year on capital development schemes that were approved in 2009/10. However, the Dover Project remains very high on the Trust's agenda and the Trust is planning to commence writing the Full Business Case for the Dover Project with a forecasted start-on-site date in 2011/12.

Yours sincerely,

  
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